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## From the Chancellor



Buddy Mitchell

After the storm damage and flooding we experienced this spring, **it's good to be able to turn to positive news.** As we learned during President Joe DiPietro's campus visit, **we will soon have a new chancellor to welcome, Dr. Larry Arrington. I believe his experience will serve us well at the**

**institute throughout the state of Tennessee.** He is extremely knowledgeable in providing the best possible environment for our students, faculty and staff and in the best outreach programs to serve the people of Tennessee.

The day that President DiPietro announced Dr. Arrington's nomination, we joined with the leader of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation to cut the ribbon on the **Native American Interpretive Garden** at Indian Mound Park on our campus in Knoxville. I encourage everyone to visit the garden soon and often, as it continues to develop and grow.

On July 13, Dr. DiPietro showed his continued and strong partnership with the institute by again joining us for the dedication of the UT Center for Athletic Field Safety. This center is a joint effort between AstroTurf owners Shelby, Bryan and Tom Peeples, the UT Turfgrass Team, and the East Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center. The outcomes of research and Extension at this center will be of national, if not international significance, since the development of safer athletic fields will benefit athletes of all ages who play on synthetic or natural turf surfaces.

These three developments are achievements of which we can all be proud.

Best wishes,

*Buddy*

## UT Selects Arrington to be next Chancellor of Institute



Larry Arrington

**Larry Arrington**, professor of agricultural education and communication at the University of Florida, **has been chosen by UT President Joe DiPietro and elected by the UT Board of Trustees as the next chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture.**

**"The University of Tennessee owes much of its statewide presence to the Institute of Agriculture. It is a critical part of UT's overall mission as our state's land-grant institution, and many citizens across our state rely on the institute for guidance through its programs in agriculture and agricultural research, youth development, education, veterinary medicine, family and consumer sciences and community development,"** DiPietro said.

**"Larry is a gifted and nationally recognized administrator and an outstanding leader, and his prior experience will serve UTIA very well in his role as chancellor.** I worked closely with him at the University of Florida, and I know his abilities first hand and know with certainty he will be a great fit. I am pleased for our university and for our state to have Larry joining us in Tennessee to help carry out this important mission."

DiPietro said Arrington would start work in Knoxville on September 12th and will be on campus several times during the summer. **A detailed news release about Arrington, his background and appointment can be found at the institute's website.**



Margot Emery

*With speeches of dedication, including one by Mitchell Hicks, principal chief of the Eastern Band of the Cherokees (beside podium), and a prayer by Cherokee Elder Myrtle Driver (pictured), the Native American Interpretive Garden was officially opened in June. This garden includes Indian Mound Park on the agriculture campus in Knoxville and is a cooperative effort between UT and the Eastern Band of the Cherokees. While hardscape is in place, watch for additional signage and plants of significance to the Cherokees to be added this summer and fall. Many partners and individuals made the garden possible. Today and in the future it is intended as a special place on campus for reflection and renewal.*

## UT Family and Consumer Sciences: Success by the Numbers



by Shirley Hastings,  
Associate Dean, UT  
Extension

**The mission of the Family and Consumer Sciences Department is "to strengthen individuals, families and communities through education."**

*Shirley Hastings*

Each day talented, committed agents, faculty, partners and volunteers work diligently to accomplish this mission. The following selected examples demonstrate impact and sustained progress toward fulfilling our mission.

### • Nutrition Education

UT Extension nutrition education programs reach approximately two million individuals annually through group meetings, worksite sessions, direct mail, and television and radio programs. Nutrition education studies have found a cost/benefit ratio of \$1.00/\$10.64. This translates to a return of more than \$176.5 million for the investment in UT Extension's nutrition education programs for the state of Tennessee.

### • Tennessee Saves

The UT Extension Tennessee Saves program teaches personal savings and financial management. Fifty percent of participants increased their savings or investment generating an annual estimated savings/investment of \$4.4 million. In addition, 33 percent reduced debt an average of \$208 per month for a total estimated debt reduction of more than \$1.1 million annually.

### • Child Development

Since 2005, approximately 2,100 children in grades K-8 have participated in after school programs designed and coordinated by the FCS department. Results have been impressive. Students on average scored a half letter grade higher than students not participating. Pre- and

post-tests show an average knowledge gain of 35 percent across educational topics and reading proficiency increased. Also, attendance of participating children increased while that of children not engaged in the enrichment activity declined.

### • Human Development

The state of Tennessee requires that all newly hired childcare teachers and directors receive two hours of pre-service training during their first 30 days of employment. During 2010, more than 10,000 childcare teachers participated in the program. Evaluations show participants had an average knowledge gain of 26 percent in content areas of health, safety, guidance and stages of development. A six-month follow-up survey shows 91 percent or more agreed they felt more confident when handling aggression issues between children and asked more open-ended questions of children more often to encourage them to think. Additionally, they indicated they were more likely to facilitate developmentally appropriate activities and reported reading more frequently to children in their care.

### • Health Literacy

UT Extension FCS educators and faculty are working to guide Tennesseans in making smart choices about health care. The programs involve numerous partners as well as funding support at county, state and federal levels, reaching more than 60,000 Tennesseans each year. Increasing health literacy and adopting healthy habits such as exercise and participating in health screenings have been shown to improve health and reduce risks of many chronic diseases, such as diabetes and high blood pressure. For every dollar spent on UT Extension health education programs, \$24 is saved on direct medical costs and indirect expenditures resulting in a \$42.8 million benefit to Tennesseans!

**As shown by these brief examples, UT Extension FCS programming delivers measurable impacts that improve the quality of life for Tennessee families and communities. The long-term impact is an economic one.**

## What's News

**The DuPont Young Professor program** is designed to provide start-up assistance to promising young and untenured research faculty working in areas of interest to DuPont's long-term business interests. **Assistant Professor of Entomology and Plant Pathology Juan Jurat-Fuentes is one of 18 international DuPont Young Professors for 2011;** each receives \$75,000 in grant support for their research. Jurat-Fuentes is investigating the mode of action of Bt toxins and the mechanisms through which insects develop resistance to them.

**Three members of Marketing and Communications Services recently won regional and international awards for their work.** Videographer/Producer **Chuck Denney** and Video Producer/Information Specialist **Doug Edlund** won a Gold Award for a news story on ATV safety from the international Association for Communication Excellence. Denney also won a Silver Award for scriptwriting for "The Cocoa Tree." Department Director **Lorna Norwood** and Edlund won a Silver Award for the UT Extension centennial video, "In Our Own Words." They also won a Bronze Award for the **UT Extension Centennial** public service announcement, and Edlund won a Bronze award for "**UT AgResearch: Discovery, Innovation, Application,**" a video in the display on the first floor of the Plant Biotech Building. **The Volunteer Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America presented Norwood and Edlund a "V" Award for the Extension Centennial public service announcement.** The Extension Centennial Campaign won an Award of Quality.

**The College of Veterinary Medicine is offering a series of equine rehabilitation certificate courses.** Faculty members have worked hard to construct a program that meets the needs of the veterinarian, veterinary technician, physical therapist and physical therapy assistant. For more information, call Marlene Burns at 865-974-0150, email [mburns@utk.edu](mailto:mburns@utk.edu) or visit <http://tinyurl.com/equinerehab>. **Call immediately if you know someone who might like to take part.**



# Grants & Contracts

## APRIL-JUNE 2011

UT AgResearch hopes that this information on UTIA grants and contracts fosters awareness and interdisciplinary collaboration among our scientists. Thanks to the resourcefulness and competitiveness of our faculty, the institute received awards totaling \$13,387,844 in grants, contracts and cooperative agreements from external agencies for the second quarter of 2011. At a time when most states are operating with constrained budgets, our ability to attract dollars for research and extension from outside sources has become especially crucial. To the principal and co-principal investigators listed below, congratulations. To everyone, we appreciate your support and efforts in seeking external funding.

APRIL

PI; Co-PI	DEPARTMENT	AWARD	AGENCY
Berry, Ann	Family and Consumer Sciences	4,500	National Endowment for Financial Education
Buehler, David; Bates, Gary	Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, Plant Sciences	14,993	University of Georgia
Cekanova, Maria; Legendre, Alfred, LeBlanc, Amy, Donnell, Robert	Small Animal Clinical Sciences, Pathobiology	147,213	UT Battelle
Cheng, Zong-Ming	Plant Sciences	50,000	Consortium for Plant Biotechnology Research, Inc
Devereaux, Matthew	Family and Consumer Sciences	16,556	Tennessee 4-H Foundation
Fly, Mark	Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries	10,000	USDA Forest Service
Harper, Craig; Muller, Lisa	Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries	32,787	US Fish and Wildlife Service
Hayes, Robert	West Tenn. AgResearch and Educ. Cntr.	70,228	USDA ARS
Koon, Martin	Central District	5,500	National 4-H Council
Labbé, Nikki	Center for Renewable Carbon	17,500	UT Battelle
Miller, Debra; Gray, Matt	Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries	16,000	Coastal Plains Institute
Ray, Daryll	Agricultural and Resource Economics	100,000	National Farmers Union Foundation
Rials, Timothy	Center for Renewable Carbon	33,192	Sun Grant Association
Schuller, Hildegard	Pathobiology	245,390	National Institutes of Health
Stewart, Neal	Plant Sciences	100,000	National Science Foundation
T. Van Manen, Frank; Clark, Joseph	Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries	74,635	Wildlife Management, Inc
Tiller, Kelly	Agricultural and Resource Economics	20,000	Burley Stabilization Corp
Tyler, Donald; Essington, Michael	Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science	27,389	USDA ARS
Xu, Xuemin; McGavin, Donald	Pathobiology	179,580	National Institutes of Health
Yin, Xinhau; Main, Chris, Gwathmey, Owen, Buschermohle, Mike, Tyler Donald	Plant Sciences, Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science	21,423	Cotton Inc
Zhong, Qixin; Davidson, Mike	Food Science and Technology	499,000	USDA NIFA

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PI; Co-PI	DEPARTMENT	AWARD	AGENCY
Armel, Gregory; Lockwood, David, Varges, Jose	Plant Sciences	4,000	NC State University
Ayers, Paul	Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science	167,574 50,000	Mechanical Simulation Int'l Inc US Army Corps
Belli, Keith	Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries	41,000	Commonwealth of Kentucky
Buehler, David; Smith, David, Worley, Stacy	Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science	300,969	US Army
Buschemohle, Michael; Freeland, Robert, Hart, William, Velandia, Margarita	Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science, Agricultural and Rural Economics	15,000	Cotton Inc
Crowe, Justin	4-H Youth Development	50,000	Kansas State University
Devereaux, Matthew	Family and Consumer Sciences	140,000	USDA NIFA
Frank, Nicholas; Sommardahl, Carla, Cox, Sherry	Large Animal Clinical Sciences, Comparative Medicine	7,080	Advantage Partners, Inc
Fulcher, Amy	Plant Sciences	33,738	USDA ARS
Gray, Matthew	Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries	2,500	Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency
Hawkins, Shawn	Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science	2,500	Texas AgriLife Extension Service
Keyser, Patrick	Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries	15,000	Commonwealth of Kentucky
Kirk, Claudia	Small Animal Clinical Sciences	135,000	Carolina Veterinary Specialists
Lee, Seong-Ho; Beak, Seung, McEntee, Michael	Pathobiology	720,000	American Cancer Society
Leib, Brian; Main, Christopher	Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science	10,000	Cotton Inc
Lockwood, David; Deyton, Dennis, Hitch, Walt	Plant Sciences, Plateau AgResearch and Educ. Cntr.	5,000	NC State University
Long, Elizabeth, Lamour, Kurt	Entomology and Plant Pathology	30,000	USDA Forest Service
Marks, Alyce; Hecht, Silke, Stokes, Jennifer, Haifley, Katherine	Small Animal Clinical Sciences	6,774	American College of Veterinary Radiology
McKenzie, Don	Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries	20,000	Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
Pantalone, Vincent	Plant Sciences	152,823* 26,000	USDA ARS University of Georgia
Rials, Timothy; Jackson, Sam	Center for Renewable Carbon	220,800	South Dakota State University
Schexnayder, Susan	Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries	24,500	UT-Battelle
Skinner, John	Entomology and Plant Pathology	62,500	University of Georgia
Steckel, Lawrence	Plant Sciences	5,000	Monsanto
Stewart, Scott	Entomology and Plant Pathology	6,600	Cotton Inc
Taylor, Adam	Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries	18,500	USDA Forest Service

\*Combines multiple grants

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PI; Co-PI	DEPARTMENT	AWARD	AGENCY
Tiller, Kelly	Agricultural and Resource Economics	320,000	Altria Client Services
Wilson, Larry	Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries	10,000	Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency
Yin, Frank	Plant Sciences	35,000	International Fertilizer Development Center
<b>Extension County Billing Accounts for FY 2011</b>			
Deckard, Heather	Western Region	30,254	Benton County
Burgess, Steve	Western Region	49,339	Carroll County
Signaigo, Brian	Western Region	37,423	Chester County
Buntin, Richard	Western Region	56,668	Crockett County
Glass, Garry	Western Region	23,036	Decatur County
Cluck, Janet	Western Region	112,462	Dickson County
Campbell, Tim	Western Region	101,542	Dyer County
Via, Jeff	Western Region	78,911	Fayette County
Shelby, Philip	Western Region	95,637	Gibson County
Rodgers, Gary	Western Region	59,114	Hardeman County
Battle, Walter	Western Region	110,478	Haywood County
Blair, Ron	Western Region	48,055	Henderson County
Atkins, Michele	Western Region	83,928	Henry County
Dugger, Troy	Western Region	46,056	Hickman County
Settles, Sheila	Western Region	29,840	Houston County
Reese, Scott	Western Region	76,411	Humphreys County
Allen, Greg	Western Region	23,017	Lake County
Griffin, James	Western Region	73,837	Lauderdale County
Spears, Paula	Western Region	38,202	Lewis County
Elgin, Sammy	Western Region	142,805	Madison County
Mathenia, Ricky	Western Region	57,679	McNairy County
Bartee, John	Western Region	180,170	Montgomery County
Smith, Tim	Western Region	76,444	Oboin County
Southall, Eugenia	Western Region	30,823	Perry County
Faust, Cathy	Western Region	5,835	Shelby County
Griffy, Joe	Western Region	49,990	Stewart County
Leigh, Booker	Western Region	91,436	Tipton County
Burress, Ken	Western Region	34,819	Wayne County
Lannom, Jeff	Western Region	67,479	Weakley County
Teague, John	Central Region	102,322	Bedford County
Steelman, Thomas	Central Region	55,792	Cannon County

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PI; Co-PI	DEPARTMENT	AWARD	AGENCY
Rucker, Nancy	Central Region	49,249	Cheatham County
Kimes, J. Randall	Central Region	41,068	Clay County
Harris, Stephen	Central Region	153,564	Coffee County
Killgore, George	Central Region	12,937	Davidson County
Officer, Stephen	Central Region	52,016	DeKalb County
Henley, Mary Beth	Central Region	66,235	Franklin County
Rose, Kevin	Central Region	70,593	Giles County
Andy, Brenda	Central Region	52,552	Grundy County
Zietz, Cynthia	Central Region	29,334	Jackson County
Qualls, David Edward	Central Region	75,923	Lincoln County
Walker, Steve E.	Central Region	41,611	Macon County
Lofty, Vicki	Central Region	45,311	Marion County
Skillington, Ricky	Central Region	40,497	Marshall County
Groce, Richard	Central Region	114,382	Mauzy County
Moorehead, Larry	Central Region	32,761	Moore County
Medley, Eugene	Central Region	39,732	Overton County
Pile, Margaret	Central Region	30,388	Pickett County
Chadwell, J. Scott	Central Region	120,736	Putnam County
Hart, Paul	Central Region	116,645	Robertson County
Tuggle, Anthony	Central Region	138,854	Rutherford County
Fritch, Bonnie	Central Region	48,733	Sequatchie County
Glover, David K.	Central Region	42,791	Smith County
Parker, Clint	Central Region	132,447	Sumner County
Evitts, Jason	Central Region	28,940	Trousdale County
Hicks, Christopher	Central Region	27,420	Van Buren County
Beaty, J. Dale	Central Region	102,425	Warren County
Swoape, A. Scott	Central Region	57,209	White County
Perry, James	Central Region	155,934	Williamson County
Correll, Allie Ruth	Central Region	105,376	Wilson County
Guinn, Heather Dawn	Eastern Region	94,784	Anderson County
Wilson, John	Eastern Region	170,240	Blount County
Edwards, Steve	Eastern Region	43,798	Campbell County
Hart, Jr, William K	Eastern Region	76,552	Carter County
Heiskell, George M	Eastern Region	71,872	Claiborne County
Shadden, Brenda	Eastern Region	50,077	Cocke County
Bottoms, Kelli	Eastern Region	83,717	Cumberland County
Pile, Margaret	Eastern Region	55,892	Fentress County

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PI; Co-PI	DEPARTMENT	AWARD	AGENCY
Carver, Billy Anthony	Eastern Region	41,812	Grainger County
Orr, Milton W	Eastern Region	103,756	Greene County
Bedwell, Emmanuel	Eastern Region	122,458	Hamblen County
Heiskell, Connie	Eastern Region	201,505	Hamilton County
Layman, Anna	Eastern Region	26,880	Hancock County
Moncier, Robert A	Eastern Region	61,217	Hawkins County
Rhea, Jonathan	Eastern Region	75,039	Jefferson County
Thomason, Ricky L	Eastern Region	55,579	Johnson County
Goddard, John J	Eastern Region	99,638	Loudon County
Woods, Harold	Eastern Region	99,285	McMinn County
Mitchell, Larry J	Eastern Region	31,640	Meigs County
Austin, Gregory Wayne	Eastern Region	63,902	Monroe County
Amonett, David	Eastern Region	52,078	Morgan County
Paxton, Robert G	Eastern Region	28,962	Polk County
Lamb, Jerry Don	Eastern Region	88,190	Rhea County
Palmer, Grant	Eastern Region	77,468	Roane County
West, Jeremy Haddon	Eastern Region	35,888	Scott County
Bruhin, William Alan	Eastern Region	133,415	Sevier County
Booker, Shirlene N	Eastern Region	115,925	Sullivan County
Petty, Andrew Ty	Eastern Region	30,867	Unicoi County
Sharp, Connie	Eastern Region	117,239	Washington County

JUNE

Buchler, David	Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries	25,000	Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
Burden, Ray; Prather, Timothy, Keel, Martha, Main, Christopher	Extension Administration, Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science, Family and Consumer Sciences, Plant Sciences	59,150	USDA NIFA
Cain, Christine	Small Animal Clinical Sciences	4,000	Morris Animal Foundation
Chen, Feng	Plant Sciences	60,000	UT Battelle
Cho, Seong-Hoon	Agricultural & Resource Economics	15,000	Lincoln Institute of Land Policy
Crowe, Justin	4-H Youth Development	117,854	National 4-H Council
Davidson, P. Michael; D'Souza, Doris H.	Food Science and Technology	168,448	Washington State University
Denton, Paul	Plant Sciences	72,952*	Philip Morris International
Dhar, Madhu	Large Animal Clinical Sciences	47,500	American Diabetes Association
Fly, J. Mark	Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries	7,000	Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
Fulcher, Amy; Klingeman, William, Hale, Frank, Windham, Alan	Plant Sciences, Entomology and Plant Pathology	24,232	North Carolina State University

\*Combines multiple grants



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PI; Co-PI	DEPARTMENT	AWARD	AGENCY
Hellwinckel, Chad	Agricultural & Resource Economics	64,999	UT Batelle
		45,043	Pacific Northwest National Lab-Battelle
Keel, Martha	Family and Consumer Sciences	46,300	Tennessee Department of Health
Kirk, Claudia	Small Animal Clinical Sciences	30,000	Hills Pet Nutrition
Lockwood, David	Plant Sciences	15,795	University of Georgia
Long, Elizabeth	Entomology and Plant Pathology	50,000	USDA APHIS
McKenzie, Donald	Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries	5,000	Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries
Moulton, J. Kevin	Entomology and Plant Pathology	150,000	National Science Foundation
Prather, Timothy	Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science	180,000	USDA NIFA
Rhodes, Neil; Armel, Greg, Denton, Paul	Plant Sciences	24,388	Philip Morris International
Thompson, Sharon	CVM Partnership Program	15,664	Fresh Express Inc
Tyler, Donald	Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science	87,440	Tennessee State University
UTK Lead; Stewart, Neal, Cheng, Zong-Ming, Chen, Feng	Plant Sciences	212,396	UT Battelle
Vail, Karen	Entomology and Plant Pathology	10,000	El DuPont
van Manen, Frank	Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries	229,425	URS Corporation
Wilcox, Michael	Agricultural & Resource Economics	124,130	University of Kentucky Research Foundation
Ye, Xiaofei Philip	Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science	105,324	SmithBucklin
<b>Extension County Billing Accounts for FY 2011</b>			
Bryant, Calvin	Western Region	114,622	Lawrence County
McCuiston, Matt	Eastern Region	52,286	Bledsoe County
Frady, Kim David	Eastern Region	210,302	Bradley County
Denton, W. Neal	Eastern Region	256,160	Knox County
Perrin, Shannon Leigh	Eastern Region	28,548	Union County

## CASNR Names New Assistant Dean



John Stier

When the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources launched a search for a new assistant dean, little did it know how fortunate it would be to have

such an excellent pool of well-qualified candidates. After much consideration, study of the data and input from faculty and staff, **John Stier** (STY-er) has been chosen to join the institute and college.

"He brings with him a delightful sense of humor, a passion for students, and a strong work ethic," says Dean **Caula Beyl**. "He will be able to share new perspectives on the teaching mission and best practices gained from having experienced the academic side of three different universities, the University of Wisconsin, Michigan State University and The Ohio State University."

"I'm tremendously excited to be joining the dynamic team of faculty, staff, and students of CASNR," Stier says. "There are a lot of great activities going on, more in the works and a wonderful sense of enthusiasm and opportunity. My family and I are eager to be among the newest volunteers."



## International Forest Products Society Taps UT Researcher as Vice President



Tim Young

Members of the international Forest Products Society have elected a UT Institute of Agriculture researcher as vice president of their 1,100-member organization.

**Tim Young** is a professor in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resource's Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries and is directly affiliated with the institute's Center for Renewable Carbon. His election as an officer of the Forest Products Society represents a three-year commitment that will see him transition to president-elect and president by 2013.

"I'm honored that members chose me to provide leadership to the Forest Products Society," Young says. "It's an exciting time to be a member. The society has recently renewed its mission and vision and we are invigorated by the dynamics of the industries and multitude of constituents we serve."

The society is an international not-for-profit technical association founded in 1947 to provide an information network for all segments of the bio-based and forest products industries. The society's mission is to foster innovation and research in the environmentally sound processing and use of wood and fiber resources by disseminating information and providing forums for networking and the exchange of knowledge. The organization has held 65 annual international conventions since its inception and sponsors a variety of technical meetings throughout the year.

*Photographer Phil Snow (pictured) with the College of Veterinary Medicine has received an Award of Excellence in still media portraiture from the BioCommunications Association. The BCA is an international professional association of people working in the biological communications field. Snow photographed veterinary ophthalmologist Dan Ward. The photograph, "Eye See, Said the Blind Man," has been used in external publications to highlight the UT Veterinary Medical Center's ophthalmology service that is available for both small and large animals. This is Snow's third BCA Award of Excellence.*

## Extension Standouts

Tennessee affiliates of the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences were honored recently with a number of regional and national awards.

**Janae Cook** placed first regionally and third nationally for the Florence Hall Award. For program excellence through research, the southern region winner was **Chris Sneed** and team, consisting of **Dena Wise, Ann Berry and Jane Gault**. For Extension Housing Outreach, the national and southern region winner was **Sondra Lynn Ganus-Apple**. **Paula Muse Spears** placed third for communications – newsletters in the southern region. **Crystal Lynn Robertson** placed first nationally and in the southern region for communications – radio. For marketing package, the national and southern regional winner was **Janae Cook** and team members **Kathy Atwood, Chuck Denney, Doug Edlund, Liz Ferrell, Betty Greer, Rich Maxey and Lorna Norwood**.

The 2011 National Distinguished Service Award members were **Beth Barron Street, Charlotte Moore and Anne Marie Olson**. Continued Excellence Award recipients were **Cathy Ann Faust, Whitney Kay Danhof and Janie Pedigo Monday**.

**A Foreign Animal and Emerging Disease Course is set for August 18-12 in Knoxville.** The Center for Agriculture and Food Security and Preparedness will host the course.

Visit [www.vet.utk.edu/cafsp](http://www.vet.utk.edu/cafsp) for more information or email Ann White at [awhite26@utk.edu](mailto:awhite26@utk.edu).

**Researchers, save August 9 on your calendar for a USDA NIFA webinar that AgResearch will host on NIFA's competitive grants program.** National program leaders and others from NIFA will be in Knoxville to deliver the webinar from 156/157 Plant Biotech Building and will cover a range of topics of importance to the various programs. Further details on the all-day event will be communicated by e-mail.

## Garretts' Brandy Memorial Faculty Award Celebrates Excellence

**Native Tennesseans and UT alumni Jerry and Diane Garrett (Engineering and Liberal Arts, respectively) fully understand the special relationship between humans and animals.** While living and working in Knoxville during the 1980s (he as a civil engineer with TVA and she as coordinator of the Health Professions Office with UT's College of Liberal Arts), they brought their poodle, Brandy, to **the Veterinary Medical Center** for medical care. When their beloved Brandy died, the Garretts wanted to remember Brandy and also recognize the excellent medical services and care Brandy had received by making a very generous gift to **establish the Brandy Memorial Fund in 1985.**

As Diane and Jerry described it, "We wanted to recognize outstanding teaching achievement in small animal medical practice – those teachers who contribute to the development in their students of those qualities that we found to be so important in our own veterinarian – compassion, sensitivity and genuine concern for the welfare of each patient."

**Since their initial gift to create the Brandy Memorial Fund, the Garretts have increased their giving over the years and have also included the endowed fund**

**in their estate plans as their gift to the Campaign for Tennessee.** The Brandy Memorial Award is presented at the annual College of Veterinary Medicine Honors and Awards Convocation and includes a plaque and a \$1,500 award to deserving recipients. Recent outstanding small animal

faculty receiving this wonderful recognition include **Diane Hendrix**, ophthalmology; **Patti Sura**, surgery; **Becky Gompf**, cardiology; **David Francis**, orthopedics; and **Karen Tobias**, surgery. Remarking on the caliber of the recipients to date, Diane said, "We've been so impressed with the faculty selected to receive this award and have enjoyed having opportunities to meet and visit with them. They have represented everything we envisioned for this award."

Today Jerry is retired from TVA in Chattanooga and Diane is retired from Chattanooga State Technical Community

College where she last served as coordinator of curriculum. They live in Chattanooga and are avid hikers, spending much time enjoying the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and southeastern Appalachia. –*Claire Eldridge*



*Honoring Excellence in Care – Diane and Jerry Garrett with Brandy Award Winner Patti Sura (center), assistant professor, surgery, in Small Animal Clinical Sciences.*

Phil Snow

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